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1. WHILE THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN WE WILL NEED TO MAKE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE TO KUWAITIS ON SUBJECT OF SUPPORT FO EGYPT, THAT TIME IN MY OPINION IS NOT NOW. MY REASONING IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. AS OF NOW, GOK HAS NO INTENTION WHATEVER OF CANCELLING ITS KHARTOUM AND RABAT PAYMENTS TO EGYPT. (LATEST READING ON THIS POINT IS CONTAINED IN KUWAIT 4493). FAR FROM TRYING TO UNDERMINE EGYPT AND SADAT, KUWAITIS ARE DESPERATELY SEEKING WAYS TO ADD TO THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMITMENTS IN EGYPT THROUGH LOANS AND INVESTMENTS OF ALL KINDS. THEY FEEL COLOSSAL FRUSTRATION SO FAR, AND WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO CONSULT WITH US ON WAYS TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE IN EGYPT (KUWAIT 4341 AND OTHERS). SUPPORT OF A STRONG PROSPEROUS EGYPT, HEADED BY MODERATE CHARISMATIC LEADER LIKE SADAT IS STILL A CORNERSTONE OF KUWAITI POLICY.

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B. IN MY JUDGEMENT KUWAITIS CANNOT BE PERSUADED TO ISSUE

ANY TRULY HELPFUL PUBLIC STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SINAI II--NOT AS LONG AS SHRILL PALESTINIAN AND SYRIAN CRITICISM PERSISTS. KUWAITISBELIEVE THEY ARE PUTTING THEIR MONEY WHERE THEIR MOUTH IS, AND THEY BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT REALLY COUNTS.

2. EMBASSY KUWAIT FEELS THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE ENOUGH IN SUPPORT OF THEIR POSITION ON SINAI II AND THEIR VIEWS ON PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TOWARD PEACE ON OTHER FRONTS IN MIDEAST. SYRIANS VISIT KUWAIT REGULARLY WITH THEIR BRIEFS. WE SUGGEST EGYPTIANS BE URGED TO MAKE THEIR PRESENCE AND VIEWS FELT IN KUWAIT AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE ALSO RECOMMEND STEPPING UP AMERICAN PRIVATE AND GOVERMENT EFFORTS COOPERATE WITH KUWAITIS TO CRACK THE WALLS HOLDING BACK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT IN EGYPT. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WE PERSUADED IT IS IN THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ROLE THAT KUWAIT CAN BE MOST USEFUL TO US AND EGYPT.
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